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WILLIAM CARPENTER, born in England 1605, who came to America in the ship Bevis 1638, with wife Abigail, three children. (and also his father William, who returned to England,) was progenitor of the Rehoboth Carpenter family. Three of his seven children were born in England, viz: John, b. 1625; William, b. 1631; Joseph, b. 1633. Born in Weymouth, Mass., were Hannah, b. 1640; Abiah and Abigail, b. 1643, and Samuel, b. 1644, in Rehoboth, Mass., of which William, sen. was one of the first settlers and a leading, influential man, being Town Clerk from 1643 to 1649, and doing largely the legal business of the Town or Colony. He died Feb. 7, 1659.

WILLIAM CARPENTER, JR., (son Wm. and Abigail above,) born in England 1631, lived in Rehoboth, Mass., where he died Jan. 26, 1703, a. e. 72; m. Priscilla Bennett, Oct. 5, 1651. She died Oct. 20, 1663; he m. 2d Miriam Searles, Dec. 10, 1663, who died May 1, 1722, a. e. 93.

He was a man of superior ability, accurate in business, and a reliable councillor, deacon of the church, and often deputy to the General Court.

His children were:—

JOHN, b. 1652, m. Rebecca Readway, 2nd wid. Sarah Day, res. Woodstock, Ct.

WILLIAM, b. 1659, m. Elizabeth Robinson, dau. of Geo., res. Attleboro, Mass.

PRISCILLA, b. 1661, m. Richard Sweet of Rehoboth.

BENJAMIN, b. 1665, m. Hannah Strong, March 14, 1692, res. Coventry, Ct.

JOSIAH, b. 1664, m. Elizabeth Read, Nov. 24, 1692, res. Rehoboth, Mass.

NATHANIEL, b. 1667, m. Rachel Cooper, Mary Preston, Mary Cooper and Mary Bacon, res. Rehoboth, Mass.

DANIEL, b. 1669, m. Beriah Bliss, Eliz. Butterworth, Margaret Thurston, Mary Hunt and Mary Hyde.

NOAH, b. 1672, m. Sarah Johnson, Ruth Tibbott, Tabithy Bishop, res. Attleboro.

MIRIAM, b. 1674, m. Jonathan Bliss of Rehoboth.

OBADIAH, b. 1677, m. Deliberance Preston of Dorchester, res. Attleboro.

EPHRAIM, b. 1683, m. Hannah Read, Martha Ide, Carpenter.

HANNAH, b. 1684, m. Jonathan Chaffee.

ABIGAIL, b. 1687, m. Daniel Perrin.

Forty-six of Wm. Jr.'s gr. gr. sons served in the Revolutionary War.

BENJAMIN CARPENTER, son of William Jr. and Priscilla Bennett, born in Rehoboth, Mass., Oct. 20, 1663, m. Hannah Strong, dau. of Jedediah of Coventry, Ct., March 14, 1691. They lived in Northampton, Mass., removed to Coventry, Conn. about 1703, where he died April 18, 1738. His wife died March 20, 1762, a. e. 91.

The land purchased in Coventry under date of Nov. 17, 1709, bordered on the town of Bolton, as incorporated 1720, consequently their family historic relations are found in both towns, also in Tolland, Ct. Thirteen of his gr. sons served in the Revolution.

Their children were :—

- PRUDENCE, } b. July 13, 1692, in Northampton, Mass.
- FREEDOM, }
- AMOS, b. Nov. 1693, m. Deborah Long, Oct. 23, 1718, res. Coventry, Conn.
- BENJAMIN, b. Oct. 3, 1695, m. Rebecca Smith, April 12, 1726, res. Bolton and Coventry, Ct.
- JEDEDIAH, b. Oct. 1, 1697, m. Mary Brown, May 24, 1725, res. Rehoboth, Mass.
- HANNAH, b. Aug. 15, 1699, m. David Round, Oct. 6, 1730.
- ELIPHALET, b. Oct. 16, 1701. Died 1702.
- ELEPHALET, b. Nov. 29, 1703, m. Eliz. Andrews, 1727, and Abigail Ladd, 1752.
- NOAH, b. Dec. 24, 1705, m. Keshiah ——— Eliz. Curtis, 1744, res. Coventry.
- ELIZABETH, June 15, 1707.
- EBENEZER, b. Nov. 9, 1709, m. Eunice Thompson, 1739, res. Coventry, Ct.
- REBECCA, Nov. 23, 1711.

AMOS CARPENTER, above, lived to be one hundred years old. His son *Joshia* of Lebanon, Ct., served in the Revolutionary War, also *Charles*, son of Jedediah; and *Eliphalet*, son of Eliphalet; and *Noah, Israel, Benjamin*, sons of Noah; and *Ebenezer, James, Josiah*, sons of Ebenezer; and *Dan, Elijah, Comfort, Levi*, sons of Benjamin, and several boys of this branch of a later generation.

BENJAMIN CARPENTER, Jr., son of Benjamin and Hannah Strong, born in Northampton, Mass., Oct. 3, 1695. He m. Rebecca Smith of Sutfield, Ct., April 12, 1726, resided first in Bolton, Conn., afterwards in Coventry, where he died 1794. Four of his nine sons served in the Revolutionary War.

His children were :—

- BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 21, 1727, m. Catherine Bingham, Oct. 12, 1750, res. Coventry, Conn.
- DAN, b. July 17, 1730, m. Abia Porter, Jan. 12, 1758, res. Tolland and Columbia, Ct.
- ELIJAH, b. May 3, 1732, m. Parnace Brewster, Oct. 31, 1764, res. Coventry, Ct.
- MAFFL, b. July 29, 1734. Died Aug. 12, 1742.
- JOSEPH, b. Feb. 4, 1736, m. Phoebe Ladd, Aug. 4, 1757, res. Coventry, Ct.
- ISMAEL, b. Feb. 8, 1737, m. William Porter, Feb. 26, 1756.
- MARY, b. Aug. 12, 1739, m. Ichabod Jewett.
- COMFORT, b. Nov. 1, 1740, m. Mary Flint, res. Tolland.
- LOUIS, b. July 14, 1742, m. Joseph Baker.
- LEVI, b. Sept. 17, 1744, m. Elizabeth Parker, Oct. 15, 1767, res. Bridgewater, N. Y.
- REUBEN, b. Jan. 11, 1746, m. Anna Burrows, res. Tolland, Ct.
- JOSEPH, b. June 23, 1748.
- JESSE, b. ———, 1750.

DAN CARPENTER, son Benjamin, Jr., and Rebecca Smith, born July 17, 1730, in Coventry, Conn. He was in the French and Indian War, taken prisoner and released 1757, m. Abia Porter Jan. 12, 1758, purchased a farm for £400 in Tolland, Conn., (where he resided twenty-five years and where all his children were born.) He purchased a large farm in Lebanon (now Columbia) March 3, 1783, where he lived until his death Sept. 16, 1804, a. e. 74.

He marched for the relief of Boston 1775, for five days: he served also for a time in Revolution in company commanded by Lieut. Morris of the 11th regiment.

He changed his church relations from Tolland to Columbia, Conn., Aug. 3, 1783, and was a leading influential man in society.

His children were:—

WEALTHY, b. Nov. 14, 1755, m. Bezaliel Fuller, March 31, 1785.

They resided in Lebanon, Conn., where were born their children—James, b. 1786; Dan, b. 1787; Chester, b. 1789; Thomas, b. 1791; Nancy, b. 1792; Philura, b. 1796, all of whom filled useful and prominent places in society.

REBECCA, b. Oct. 17, 1760, who lived with her nephew James Fuller of Columbia, Conn.

ABIA, b. March, 3, 1764, m. James Sprague. They resided in New Marlboro, Conn., they had three children.

DAN, b. July 12, 1765. Died July 12, 1784.

PAUL, b. Oct. 6, 1768, m. Sarah Ann Scoville, res. Columbia, Ct.

BEZALIEL FULLER was son of Joshua, a descendant of Robert of Rehoboth, who came to America in the ship "Bevis" in 1638 with William Carpenter, thus reuniting by marriage in the 5th generation, the families associated in the first. "Mr. Fuller was a man of large means and influence in his native town of Lebanon, Conn., where he carried on an extensive business at farming, tanning and shoemaking. He m. Phebe Sprague, Dec. 8, 1774. He m. 2d wife Wealthy Carpenter, dau. of Dan, March 31, 1785, who died April 7, 1836, a. e. 77. "A woman who through life, to her last day, carried in manner a commanding respect and an inviting love, fascinating to all in her presence." so says a personal observer.

Forty-three grandchildren gave perpetuity to this family.

